

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A seat frame assembly for compactly folding a motor vehicle seat, the seat frame assembly comprising:

~~a at least one side frame member;~~

~~an actuator operatively pivotally coupled to the side frame member;~~

~~an elongated control arm having a first end pivotally operatively coupled to the side frame member and an opposite second end for movement between a stowed position generally parallel and adjacent the side frame member and a support position spaced from the side frame member defining a contoured seat bolster section for supporting an occupant on the seat frame assembly; [[and]]~~

~~a linkage assembly coupled between the control arm and the actuator for moving the control arm between the stowed position and support position in response to actuation of the actuator, said linkage assembly including a first link member extending between a distal end fixedly secured to the actuator for synchronous pivotal movement therewith and an opposite proximal end, a second link member having a distal end pivotally secured to the control arm and~~

an opposite proximal end, and a link pin pivotally coupling the proximal ends of the first and second link members for operatively coupling the actuator and control arm; and

a pivot pin pivotally connecting and supporting both the actuator and the first link member on the frame for providing synchronous pivotal movement and directly driving of the first link member relative to the frame in response to pivotal movement of the actuator.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The seat frame assembly of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1 wherein the ~~at least one side frame member~~ includes an upper stop engaging with the first link member for limiting pivotal movement of the first link ~~member~~ about the ~~at least one side frame member~~ and defining ~~[[in]] the stowed [[direction]] position.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The seat frame assembly of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 6 wherein the ~~at least one side frame member~~ includes a lower stop engaging with the first link member for limiting pivotal movement of the first link about the ~~at least one side frame member~~ and defining ~~[[in]] the supporting direction support position.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The seat frame assembly of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7 wherein the frame includes including a pair of spaced apart and generally parallel side frame members and a lower cross member attached to and extending between ~~[[from]]~~ the ~~at least one side frame members.~~

9. (Original) The seat frame assembly of claim 8 wherein the control arm pivotally attaches to the lower cross member, the control arm pivoting about the lower cross member during movement between the stowed and support positions.

10. (Currently Amended) The seat frame assembly of claim ~~[[8]]~~ 9 including an upper cross member spaced from and generally parallel to the lower cross member and attached to and extending between ~~[[from]]~~ the ~~at least one~~ side frame members.

11. (Currently Amended) The seat frame assembly of claim ~~[[10]]~~ 16 including a pair of support rods spaced from and generally parallel to the ~~[[at least one]]~~ side frame members, the support rods extending between the lower cross member and the upper cross member.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The seat frame assembly of claim 1 including~~ A seat frame assembly for compactly folding a motor vehicle seat, the seat frame assembly comprising:

a frame;

an actuator pivotally coupled to the side frame member;

an elongated control arm operatively coupled to the frame for movement between a stowed position generally parallel and adjacent the frame and a support position spaced from the frame defining a contoured seat bolster section for supporting an occupant on the seat frame assembly;

a linkage assembly coupled between the control arm and the actuator for moving the control arm between the stowed position and support position in response to actuation of the actuator; and

a plate extending between a lower end pivotally secured to the frame and an upper end slidably coupled to the frame ~~fixedly secured to the at least one side frame member~~, the plate

operatively contacting the control arm wherein movement of the control arm between the stowed and support positions causes concurrent movement of the plate.

13. (Currently Amended) The seat frame assembly of claim 12 wherein the frame includes a pair of spaced apart and generally parallel side frame members, a lower cross member attached to and extending between the side frame members and an upper cross member spaced from and generally parallel to the lower cross member and attached to and extending between the side frame members, the plate ~~[[extends]]~~ extending between ~~[[a]]~~ the lower end pivotally secured to a lower cross member and ~~[[an]]~~ the upper end ~~[[fixedly secured]]~~ slidably coupled to ~~[[the at least]]~~ one of the side members.

14. (Currently Amended) The seat frame assembly according to claim 13 wherein the upper end of the plate includes a slot formed therein for receiving a connection pin to ~~[[secure]]~~ slidably couple the plate to the ~~[[at least one]]~~ side frame member, the slot allowing the upper end to move along the pin as the lower end pivots about the lower cross member.

15. (Currently Amended) The seat frame assembly of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 14 wherein the plate defines a plurality of lateral fingers, the plurality of lateral fingers separated from each other by openings and wherein the plurality of lateral fingers extends from the lower end of the plate to the upper end of the plate.

16. (Currently Amended) The seat frame assembly of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 15 including a wrap encasing the plate defining ~~[[a]]~~ the side bolster section of the seat frame assembly.

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17. (Currently Amended) The seat frame assembly of claim ~~[[16]]~~ 11 wherein the wrap includes a sleeve adapted to receive one of the support rods therethrough.

18. (Original) The seat frame assembly of claim 1 wherein the actuator comprises an armrest.